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SUBJECT: INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL PROJECT

1. REQUEST SUBSTANCE THIS MSG FROM AMBASSADOR BE PASSED EITHER TO YUSUF HAROON OR REYNOLDS BURGUND, VICE PRESIDENTS OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS CORPORATION, PANAM BUILDING, NEW YORK, IF DEPT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION.

2. IHC REP JOSEPH NEVILLE INFORMED ME COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER RAJAB ON APRIL 3 GAVE HIM SEVEN DAYS NOTICE TO LEAVE COUNTRY. STATED GROUNDS WERE THAT HE HAS EXCEEDED CONTRACT AUTHORITY. OBVIOUSLY EMBASSY CANNOT JUDGE MERITS OF MINISTER'S CASE AGAINST NEVILLE. FROM INFORMATION AT HAND, INCLUDING WHAT NEVILLE AND EARLIER JIM FOX HAVE PROVIDED REGULARLY, WE BELIEVE NEVILLE HAS SIMPLY BEEN DOING HIS JOB AS HE SEES IT, CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND THOROUGHLY.

3. MRS. NEVILLE SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED US MINISTER REDUCED NEVILLE'S OUSTER DEADLINE FROM SEVEN DAYS TO 48 HOURS AND HE HAS GONE TO DUBAI. SHE AND THREE CHILDREN REMAIN HERE TEMPORARILY.

4. MAY BE OF INTEREST THAT FONMIN QAIS ZAWAWI TOLD ME LAST WEEK IN CAPACITY AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF OMAN DEVELOPMENT/ FINANCE COUNCILS HE HAS REQUESTED REPORT ON HISTORY AND PRESENT STATUS IHC PROJECT. SAID THESE COUNCILS INTEND LATER THIS MONTH TO EXPLORE FINANCING ALTERNATIVES AND

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SEE WHAT THEY CAN DO TO MOVE PROJECT FORWARD. I THINK,

HOWEVER, BASED ON PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED SO FAR THAT ONE
MUST BE CAUTIOUS IN ASSESSING LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY PROGRESS.

5. IN ABSENCE FOX AND NEVILLE, SHOULD YOU NEED EMBASSY
ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING NOC FOR IHC REP VISIT TO OMAN FOR
PROJECT DISCUSSIONS, LET ME KNOW AND SEND USUAL BIRTH AND
PASSPORT DATA.

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